

Listing of the Claims

1. (currently amended) A closure device to close a convertible top (1) of a convertible vehicle (2) onto a body frame part (4), wherein at least one closure element (6) is connected to the convertible top (1) and at least one mating closure element (7) is connected to the body frame part (4), which can be engaged by means of a motor drive unit (8), and the convertible top (1) has a handle element (13), by which the convertible top (1) is movable manually from a pre-closure position, at a spacing from the body frame part (4), to overcome a dead center in the convertible top's (1) motion toward~~on~~ the body frame part (4), until a catching position is achieved, which activates an automatic latching of the convertible top and wherein the closure device (3) includes a sensor (12), by which assumption of the catching position of the convertible top (1) is detectable and which sends signals to a control unit of the drive unit (8), and the control unit, based on the signal of sensor (12), actuates the drive unit (8) to activate at least one closure element (6) or mating closure element (7) to attach the convertible top (1).

2. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the sensor (12), on reaching of the catching position of convertible top (1), generates a signal.

3. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that two closure elements (6) are provided on the convertible top (1) and two mating closure elements (7) on the body- frame part (4).

4. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that it includes an operating element (14), based on whose operation, at least in the attached state of the convertible top, a signal is generated, and the drive unit (8) is operated to release the convertible top (1).

5. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that to release the convertible top (1), operation of at least one closure element (6) occurs, so that the closure element (6) is disengaged from the corresponding mating closure element (7).

6. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1,

characterized in that the sensor (12) is designed as a switch.

7. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the drive unit (8) is designed as an electrically drivable unit, with an electric motor (10).

8. (cancelled)

9. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the drive unit (8) is integrated into the closure device (3).

10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) A convertible top for a convertible vehicle with a closure device for releasable attachment of the convertible top to a body frame part, wherein at least one closure element is connected to the convertible top and at least one mating closure element is connected to the body frame part, which can be engaged by a motor drive unit;

wherein the convertible top has a handle element, by which the convertible top is movable manually between a pre-closure position spaced from the body frame part, overcoming a dead center of the convertible top's motion toward the body frame part (4), until a catching position is achieved, which activates an automatic latching of the convertible top;

wherein the closure device includes a sensor, by which assumption of the catching position of the convertible top is detectable and which sends signals to a control unit of the drive unit; and

wherein the control unit, based on the signal of sensor, actuates the drive unit to activate at least one closure element or mating closure element to attach the convertible top.

12. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 6, characterized in that the switch is further defined as a micro-switch.